



the music education centre

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The start of a new year is a great time to start planning some exciting musical goals for the months ahead. Whether you want performance opportunities, to sit examinations or are just learning for FUN, your Music Education Centre teacher can help!

Lesson structure is essential in order for progress to be made in an effective way. Fundamental to this, is to decide on measurable and achievable targets to create a general direction. Just as with any journey, if you don't know where you want to go, nor have a map, it can be very easy to get lost!

For younger students, the tangible events like exams or performances mean that a date can be set well ahead of time, and progress can be more easily maintained. As students get older, goals also create a level of priority to ensure that musical progress doesn't drop down the list of priorities when there are many different activities to balance.

Musical education should always help students move closer to their own personal goals, however, part of a teacher's responsibility is to extend their students understanding and challenge their perceptions. Narrowing your musical interests to specific styles of music often results in students lacking enough "tools" to expand into other genres later when musical tastes and fashions change. Parents therefore need to do their part to help support a plan of learning and form an essential communication link between lessons to keep students both on-track and motivated to achieving their potential.

Regardless of what musical achievements you would like this year, do take a few moments in your first lessons to revise where you are at, and think about some of the things you want to achieve. It may be realistic to aim for some of those targets over the coming years rather than just months, - even so make sure you plan for 2017 to be a great year of music making!



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017

**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEB** – Waitangi Day (Centre closed)

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – Performance Afternoons

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – Good Friday (end of term 1)

**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – Easter Monday

**TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – ANZAC Day

**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY** – Start of Term 2

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY** – Performance Afternoons

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPT** – Performance Afternoons

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Performance Afternoon

## STATEMENT DELIVERY

Many of you already receive your statement each month by email. Due to the positive feedback from students and parents, we will be moving ALL of our statement delivery to a digital format over the coming months. If you currently receive paper statements, please contact our office ([lessons@musiceducation.co.nz](mailto:lessons@musiceducation.co.nz)) or 0800 89 39 39 so we can check we have your correct email details.

## LIMITED SPACES IN OUR GREAT CLASSES FOR 3-7 YEAR OLDS

Our unique "Forte School of Music" classes make learning FUN and are a great way to introduce the little one in your family to a lifetime of musical enjoyment.



Small class sizes and the opportunity for a FREE TRIAL to see how special these lessons are, mean spaces are limited.

Call our centre today on 0800 89 39 39 to see where we can fit you in!

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

At the Music Education Centre we believe in the value of recognised external examinations – and are so PROUD to have an excellent track record of results. Well done to these students who passed their exams at the end of last year!

**Finn Wright** - Initial Grade Piano with Distinction (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Georgia Valladares** – Grade 1 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Rebecca Strang**– Grade 1 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Allaryce Go** – Grade 1 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**William Withell** - Grade 1 Piano with Merit (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Alisha Lawrence** - Grade 1 Piano with Merit (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Jian He** – Grade 1 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Sophia Zemba** – Grade 1 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Samuel Coats** - Grade 1 Piano with Distinction (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Zahra Patel** - Grade 1 Piano with Distinction (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Virgilio Manaiois** - Grade 2 Piano (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Catherine Wei** – Grade 2 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Patrick Marriott** – Grade 2 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Callum Dron** – Grade 2 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Luciano Pouwels** – Grade 2 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Daniel Huang** – Grade 2 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Ian Zhang** – Grade 2 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Martha Coltman** - Grade 2 Piano with Distinction (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Valerie Tay** – Grade 3 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Alice Hout** – Grade 3 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Sarang Yoon** - Grade 3 Piano with Merit (Teacher Theresa Fourie)  
**Yena Seo** - Grade 3 Theory with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Jeannie Mati** – Grade 3 Piano with Distinction (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Paradise Lesatele** – Grade 3 Piano with Distinction (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Summer Edwards** – Grade 3 Piano with Distinction (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Ysabel Mercado** - Grade 4 Piano (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Jacob Marriot** - Grade 4 Piano with Merit (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)  
**Yerang Seo** - Grade 5 Theory (Teacher Gabrielle Reid)

## TALENT QUEST

The Glenfield Mall was alive with the sound of pianists, singers, guitarists, magicians and dancers with the return of our talent quest. This was a great way to help encourage and support talented kids from all over the North Shore! Special congratulations to Makaleta Tuipolutu who won the intermediate school category. Makaleta learns classical singing at our centre with teacher, Emily McDonald

## WELCOME

We would like to give a special welcome to Amelia Martin who has taken on the full time position as our key receptionist and expert on lesson enquiries.

Amelia comes to the Music Education Centre having already worked in a number of customer service, reception and sales positions. Musically, she used to play drums, and has a large family of brothers and sisters, so really understands the needs of students and parents alike!

Also joining our well-established core of teachers, we are thrilled to have some new faces joining our teaching team. Keep an eye on our website – [www.musiceducation.co.nz](http://www.musiceducation.co.nz) for updated teacher biographical information as they start building their student numbers with our centres and in schools.

## TEACHER TRAINING

January is always a busy month at our centres. While several teachers were already back into giving lessons early in the month, our Annual Teacher Training made sure that our Henderson Centre was full of activity.

All of the teachers selected and auditioned over the last couple of months were involved in the intensive four day course covering topics as diverse as learning styles, improvisation techniques, practical lessons, exam preparation and even musical games!

Teachers joining our centre are only offered positions once they have completed a multi-stage recruitment process, so that students and parents can have confidence in the standard of the lessons we provide.

## DID YOU KNOW???

The Music Education Centre has lessons for all ages, all over Auckland and on a range of 15 different instruments.

We still have limited spaces available for most instruments so whether you want to try piano or guitar, drums or violin, - contact the centre on **0800 89 39 39**.